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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Eugene A. Fitzgerald

GROUP: Unknown

SERIAL NO: Unknown
(Continuation of Ser. No. 09/712,604)

EXAMINER: Unknown

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FOR: CONTROLLING THREADING DISLOCATION DENSITIES IN
Ge ON Si USING GRADED GeSi LAYERS AND PLANARIZATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete lines 5 and 6 and insert --This application is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/712,604 filed on November 14, 2000 which is a continuation of 09/265,016 filed March 3, 1999, which is a divisional of Ser. No. 09/103,672 filed June 23, 1998, which claims priority from provisional applications Ser. No. 60/050,602 filed June 24, 1997 and 60/059,765 filed September 16, 1997.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-34.